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In re Application of:

Swab, Michael Thomas

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Examiner:

Spears, Eric J.

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COMPUTER VISION RECOGNITION OF METALLIC OBJECTS

AGAINST A POORLY CONTRASTING BACKGROUND

Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Rebecca Morrison

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action mailed January 17, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the Claims in view of the following amendments to the Claims and comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Note that all of the Claims pending in the application have been included, whether amended or not, to aid Examiner in reviewing the Amendment.

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